

# Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

June 1, 2022

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

By the authority of AS 08.065.020 and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled videoconference meeting of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives was held June 1, 2022; 333 Willoughby Ave, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Division Director's Office, Juneau, AK.

## **Attendance**

### **Members Present:**

Bethel Belisle, Hannah St. George, Rachel Pugh; Sara Chambers (staff)

### **Guests Present:**

Morgan Bunch, Megan Koontz, Deborah Schneider, Mary Yanagawa

#### **1. Call to Order** (Presenters: Chair Belisle)

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

#### **2. Review and Approve Agenda** (Presenters: Chair Belisle)

##### **Motion:**

I move to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion moved by Rachel Pugh and motion seconded by St George. Passed unanimously.

#### **3. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest per AS 39.52.220** (Presenters: Chair Belisle)

All board members stated that they had nothing to disclose.

#### **4. Review and Approval of Minutes** (Presenters: Director Chambers)

##### **Motion:**

I move to approve Feb 2019 - April 2021 minutes as presented.

Motion moved by Rachel Pugh and motion seconded by Hannah St. George. Passed unanimously.

##### **Motion:**

I move to approve the minutes from October 2021, March 18, 2022, and March 25, 2022, as presented.

Motion moved by Rachel Pugh and motion seconded by Hannah St. George. Passed unanimously.

#### **5. Division Update** (Presenters: Director Chambers)

Director Chambers stated that the investigative report was in their packet for review and that Investigator Bond would be happy to answer any questions, if they wished to call her into the meeting. Chambers reviewed the Third Quarter fiscal report and re-presented the fee analysis that the board had reviewed earlier in the year. The chair appreciated the proposed reduction in fees, especially for apprentices. She stated that MEAC schools are difficult to get into and the board may want to pursue regulations to allow them to enroll in school after obtaining an apprentice permit.

Director Chambers walked through the governor's Administrative Order 335 and explained the request, encouraging the board to continue the current projects to reduce licensing burdens at its next meeting and in the interim.

##### **Motion:**

I move to support the division's proposed fee change reducing the midwives license to \$2,800 and the apprentice permit to \$300.

Motion moved by Rachel Pugh and motion seconded by Hannah St. George. Passed unanimously.

**6. Regulations Discussion** (Presenters: Chair Belisle, Rachel Pugh)

1. **Review and adopt "Final regs rekeyed"** (includes all regulations adopted in October plus 12 AAC 14.445 Peer Review)
2. **Review and adopt "MID Notice-0422"** (12 AAC 14.135 Temp Military License)
3. **Discuss "Proposed 2022 Regulation Project"**

The board discussed 12 AAC 14.540 and the need to be clear on when reporting is required. The intent is to clarify that, for this section, the "client" is someone served during interpartum and postpartum period. Intent is not to conflict with 12 AAC 14.990(2) but for 12 AAC 14.540 to include this time period. The board would like this added to the project they are proposing later in the meeting.

**Motion:**

I move to approve the regulations project as publicly noticed with intent to define "client" is a mother or baby served during interpartum and postpartum period.

Motion moved by Rachel Pugh and motion seconded by Hannah St. George. Passed unanimously.

**Motion:**

I move to approve the military temporary license as publicly noticed.

Motion moved by Rachel Pugh and motion seconded by Bethel Belisle. Passed unanimously.

The board held a discussion led by Ms Pugh regarding the proposed regulations project in the board packet:

- 12 AAC 14.200 is the area where the apprentice regulation change mentioned earlier in the meeting would reduce overburdensome licensing requirements.
- In 12 AAC 14.200(c(1), the board wants to ensure that "MEAC-accredited" only modifies "institution."
- 12 AAC 14.210 and 12 AAC 14.420 are being updated to match the NARM standard to improve efficiency and reduce playing "catch-up" with applicants. The new categories match NARM CPM license requirements.
- The intent in 12 AAC 14.470 is to have an applicant whose license has lapsed longer than five years treated as new applicant to match NARM standards.
- 12 AAC 14.500 and 12 AAC 14.510 are being updated to match NARM standards and move existing standards from the previous deleted section.
- A clarification was requested to change (14.510(b)(1)(a) to "blood pressure over 140/90."
- The chair stated that section 12 AAC 14.520 increases and clarifies instruction to improve public safety.
- 12 AAC 14.530 contains information moved from previous section.
- The board discussed whether to require additional training for new sections 11-13 in 12 AAC 14.540. And determined to change 14.560 to "certified direct-entry midwife" and delete the rest since the new CPM credential will include this training.
- Chambers questioned whether there is statutory authority to add administration of medications to 12 AAC 14.570.

Off record at 10:28 for quick break

On the record at 10:35

Board discussed when to make this effective. Chambers explained that bifurcating the renewal standards is not advisable. Since they are pursuing emergency regulations per the governor's administrative order, they preferred to adopt at their next meeting to be put into place as soon as possible. The chair stated there are very few Alaska midwives without their CPM. Chamber advised to ensure the regulations are made clear to licensees so there are no surprises at renewal. The chair indicated that any continuing education requirements that would be needed

could be offered by MAA at their fall conference. She stated that if emergency regulations end up not being possible, she supported a January 1 start date. The board concurred.

**Motion:**

I move to accept the proposed regulations changes in preparation for an emergency regulations project as presented with the following amendments:

- 12 AAC 14.510(b)(1)(a) change to "blood pressure over 140/90"
- 12 AAC 14.560 to "certified direct-entry midwife" and delete the rest of the lead-in language since CPM will include this training.

Motion moved by Rachel Pugh and motion seconded by Hannah St. George. Passed unanimously.

**7. Pending Applications**

Ms. Pugh raised concerns that the applicant has been advertising as a CDM when unlicensed. Chambers explained the board's options. Pugh said she doesn't question her qualifications but is concerned that she may be advertising an unlicensed practice. She will send Chambers the information to look into the matter further.

**Motion:**

I move to approve Stacey Vigilante's application by credentials.

Motion moved by Rachel Pugh and motion seconded by Bethel Belisle. Passed unanimously.

**8. New Business (Presenters: Director Chambers)**

- Discuss annual report process (see attached template, below, and [previous board reports](#))
- Set next meeting date

Ms. Pugh volunteered to write a first draft and present it to the board at the next meeting. The board set their next meeting for 9am on July 8, 2022.

**9. Public Comment (Presenters: Chair Belisle)**

Mary Yanagawa, MAA chair, stated that October conference is coming up and topics are still being welcomed. They are keen to provide support to accommodate CE training for any new regs. She appreciated the board's work and thanked them.

Deborah Schneider suggested that in the proposed regulations, TXA be written out as "transexamic acid" and placed under the section antifibrinolytic section instead of uterotonic section. She recalled that CPM requirements could not be added to regulations and needed to be in statute. She also asked about the board's sunset date and status of the legislative audit.

**10. Adjourn**

**Motion:**

I move to adjourn.

Motion moved by Rachel Pugh and motion seconded by Hannah St. George. Passed unanimously.

Off the record at 11:39 a.m.

I certify these meeting minutes are true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

 9-1-22  
Bethel Belisle, Chair

  
Sara Chambers, Division Director